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Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been so much change in the short time since I wrote to you last that I felt I needed to get in touch again.

Unfortunately, at times like these, there is always lots of rumour, misinformation, and false data flying around – most of it well meaning, but still flawed. This makes it really easy to miss the actual facts and important information. I hope this letter goes some way to giving you clarity.

Firstly, I think we could talk about the R value for a month, read every bit of information available, and look at every set of data but still not come to a conclusion. Therefore, please allow me to allay any fears you have about this value and its significance for our school.

1. There is no such thing as a Wirral value for R, based on the data currently available to the government. It can be 'guessed' from looking at other data sets, but it would be so inaccurate as to be meaningless. Anybody reporting a Wirral R value as fact is providing misleading information and should be ignored.
2. Following a meeting with all secondary Headteachers, Wirral LA and Public Health, we have been given reassurances that there are no public health reasons to delay our plans to welcome more children back to school. Part of the reason for this is the high quality and thorough risk assessments undertaken by schools, and the steps we have taken to minimise risk. Therefore, our advice to parents remains the same – all children should stay at home if possible, but those who need to attend are welcome to return and we will actively encourage Y10 students to do so, for at least some time in school, from 1st July.
3. We have written a comprehensive risk assessment, which has been viewed and agreed by governors and our Health and Safety consultants. This Risk Assessment is available for you to view on our website, under the new Coronavirus section.

The current plan is for a return of all students to lessons in September. We don't yet know what that will look like, or if it will be part-time or full-time in school. What we do expect is that we will be operating a full timetable of lessons from September and in order to achieve this there will be significant changes made to the way school looks and operates. Much of this information can be gleaned from our Risk Assessment, especially from Appendix 1, but I will write to you again before the end of this school year to give you full details of what these changes will mean for parents and students. Who knows, by the time I am writing to you again, everything may be different anyway!

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As always, thank you for your patience and understanding at this difficult time. We are still here for you as much as always, so please do raise concerns during your phone calls, or by email at schooloffice@wirralhs.co.uk

Stay safe! I look forward to seeing you all before too long.

Yours sincerely,



Phill Arrowsmith
Headteacher

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